

# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

# **BILL OF INFORMATION** FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** 

CRIMINAL NO.

18-084

**VERSUS** 

**SECTION:** 

SECT. HMAG. 5

**JERRY NEWTON** 

**VIOLATION: 18 U.S.C. § 641** 

The United States Attorney charges that:

## **COUNT 1**

## **THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS**

## **AT ALL TIMES MATERIAL HEREIN:**

- 1. The Social Security Administration ("SSA") was a government agency responsible for the management of the Social Security program as defined in the Social Security Act.
- 2. Social Security was a social insurance program that provides eligible applicants with retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. The SSA operated the Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance ("RSDI") program.

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- 3. Beginning in or about September 2009, the defendant, **JERRY NEWTON** ("**NEWTON**"), filed for and later became eligible for SSA Disability Insurance Benefits (DIB).
- 4. **NEWTON** received monthly SSA disability benefits totaling \$95,316, which were deposited into **NEWTON**'s bank account.
- 5. From in or about 2007, to in or about 2016, **NEWTON** was a Pastor at the Bogalusa Baptist Church ("Church") in Bogalusa, Louisiana where he earned \$833 per month.
- 6. **NEWTON** also owned two companies, Still Dreaming Graphics, LLC and Kclean Sweep Cleaning Services for which he received \$125 per week salary.
- 7. **NEWTON** failed to notify the SSA of his employment and earnings from the Church and his two companies.

## B. THE OFFENSE:

Beginning in or about 2009, and continuing until in or about 2016, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendant, **JERRY NEWTON**, did knowingly embezzle, steal, purloin, and convert to his use, money belonging to the United States and a department and agency thereof, namely, money of the Social Security Administration, to which he knew he was not entitled, when he concealed his employment and earnings he received as a Pastor with the Bogalusa Baptist Church and two private businesses he owned while, at the same time, he was paid approximately \$95,316.00 in Social Security Administration disability benefits.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.

## **NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

1. The allegations of Count 1 of this Bill of Information are realleged and incorporated by reference as though set forth fully herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture to the United

States of America pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

- 2. As a result of the offense alleged in Count 1, defendant, **JERRY NEWTON**, shall forfeit to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), any and all property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from proceeds traceable to violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 641.
- 3. If any of the property subject to forfeiture, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:
  - a. cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence;
  - b. has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third person;
  - c. has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court;
  - d. has been substantially diminished in value; or
  - e. has been commingled with other property which cannot be subdivided without difficulty;

it is the intent of the United States, pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), to seek forfeiture of any other property of said defendant up to the value of the above forfeitable property.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 641 and 981(a)(1)(C), made applicable through Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

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